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to Portland, etc., etc. City ticket office, 525 Kansas avenue. MISSOURI PACIFIC. Train. No L'v's Topeka Topeka and Fort Scott ac-285 18:00 a. m. A'v's Topeks Topeka and Fort Scott ac-..... 286 6:30 p. m.

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### A RARE GIFT.

A CHRISTMAS STORY BY MAY D. ENGLE.

"Christmas eve!" soliloquized Van Wentworth, leaning back in his armchair and indolently clasping his hands behind his handsome blond head. "Christmas eve! Well, according to all that's orthodox, I ought to be feeling peaceful and good willish toward man. But I don't. Not a bit. Who does? Who but a child or a fool ever feels happy at Christmas? Not a soul. There | that won't do! No man wants two souls is always the remembrance of some other happier time. Always one thinks of the vanished faces that were once so dear. Taken altogether, old Father Christmas, you're a moustrous fraud, a



"WHY, WHO?" STAMMERED VAN. Ex. Sunday. 153 ..... 7:30 am has grown too old, too sad, too hard,

to keep it up longer." He sat up and lighted the cigar between his teeth and then sank, with a sigh of comfort, into his sleepy hollow.

When next he opened his eyes, they rested on a charming girlish figure, all fur clad, from the cap on her bronze gold curls to the shoes on her slender feet. The lovely face, turned toward Van, wore an expression of sternness, Man. & B. Acc. Ex. Sonday 154 9:00 pm ...... 7:30 am 5:40 am evidently foreign to it, as she quietly awaited his pleasure to break the si-

"Why, who?" stammered Van, greatly startled. "What—how? Who on earth?" then making a desperate attempt at coherency, "Who are you?"

His visitor smiled with sudden, irrepressible amusement as she replied, Leave Arrive Arrive quite as screnely as if it were an ordi-Topeka Atents'n St. Jon. nary occurrence; "I am the spirit of nary occurrence: "I am the spirit of Christmas, and very busy I am at this season, as you should know. I can ill spare the time I've been spending here, Buy ratiroad, Philiman or steamship tickets of ROWLEY RROS.

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Spare the time I've been spending here, but I overheard your gross misstatements as I passed through the house, and it is my duty to bring you to a better frame of mind. The idea of a man so young giving vent to such bitter, ter frame of mind. The idea of a man so young giving vent to such bitter, too. misanthropical sentiments! Shame upon you! Are you better than the rest of mankind," with growing severity, "that you need feel so aggrieved over your woes? Do they exceed the sum of human endurance? Whose fault is it that you are solitary?" becoming almost vituperative. "Haven't you kept yourself to yourself and obstinately repelled

all advances?" Van looked somewhat dazed, but the spirit kept on relentlessly: "Do you reke a little interest in your affairs?" Van shrugged his shoulders dissent-

ingly. "She wanted to firt with me," he muttered. "Well, what if she did?" queried the its hirth. "It wouldn't have hurt you.

he came too close"-"Yes!" grumbled Van, "because he wanted to steal my method." The spirit gazed at him with some

diagnst. "And your fellow students at the art galleries, and the old porter on the first floor, your master across the river and those pleasant people you met on the Rhine last year-all these and many more would have been your friends, but you would none of them! Now you sit here and whine-yes," seeing that Van winced, "whine, because you're all alone. You deserve to be! ' And the spirit stamped her foot in a very human way and gazed at him out of lovely, accusing eyes.

"But," said Van, bewildered, but never stopping to ask where she got her very accurate information, "what can I do? Tell me how I can better my lot!"

The spirit frowns. "There it is again! Why don't you ask, 'How can I better my neighbor's lot?' So long as you think only of yourself, just so long will nobody else think of you."

Van leaned back and sighed resigned-

The sweet voice went on. "Go look up your friend. Send some remembrance to the pretty model. And the pleasant people of the Rhine are in the city. Go man car for Sait Lake; through colonist car see them. Being strangers, doubtless they will be glad to see even you."

Van was thoroughly aroused now. 'But you must stay with me, " he pleaded. "I can never do all that by myself. No, don't go!" seeing her look about as if meditating flight. "You must stay. Ab, do!" turning upon her the full fire of magnetic eyes, whose power, when he chooses to exert it, the tender sex find it hard to resist. The spirit, being feminine, hesitates.

jection, "I can help you. But no man can have two spirits, so you must rid yourself of that ugly, morese one that you have now. If you do that, I can en-VINEWOOD & BIGHEAND PARK R. R. dow you with half of my soul-the half will be large enough for a man-but the old spirit must leave first. Will you

"Gladly," said Van. Then the spirit softly kissed his eyes, a strange lethargy stole over him, and he felt and knew nothing more till he opened his eyes again, and they fell on a him and watching him with mocking soul I wouldn't, Tom." smile, a figure oddly like his own. Van was startled for an instant, and

then it grew clear to him that this was | Short Stories.

his old soul that he had abandoned for the Christmas spirit.

"Well," he said genially, "there you are!"

"Evidently," murmured the soul. "And, now," pursued Van, "what shall I do with you?"

The soul surveyed him with the utmost nonchalance, "I think I shall just stay around here a bit with you, old man," it said airily, "It will be somewhat of a relief to move without having to take you along, body."

"Oh!" said Van in some alarm, "but going about with him. I don't need you. I've got a better one now, and I think I'll dispose of you. Tell you what," with sudden inspiration, "I'll give you to old Golthwaite. He hasn't any soul at all; sold it to the devil, they say, long since." And Van laughed contentedly. "Will that suit you?" he asked courteously.

The soul glanced at him with smiling contempt. "Well, hardly!" it sneered. "It's all very pretty to be so generous, but it is scarcely the part of a man of prudence to give himself away in any sense. And you would do it completely. Have you realized what it is you would do? Nothing more nor less than make another man a present of the entire history of your life, pot only the deed, but the motive. Ha!" laughing lightly. "I touch you there, ch?"

Van gasped. "But," he said, "the motive was yours. How can I be blamed for that? Everything I've done has been at your instigation. It is all your fault." "Yes?" mockingly. "But you pay the

penalty, not I." Van was silent with dismay. The soul glanced casually at him and smiled with

"No: I think you will not give me to old Golthwaite. I shouldn't care for it myself. He is too feeble to do my bidting. I need some one strong and lusty," with slow malice, "some one like you. The last body I had, " it continued pensively, "was old-old and weak! It failed me many times, and I grew very tired of it. I was glad when it died and I was assigned to you. You have not always done as I would have you."

Van shuddered. "You have no further power," he asserted. "I have rid myself of you-entirely."

The soul smiled. "Hardly!" it said softly, "Don't you know that when you sleep your soul's at liberty to go whither it will, bound only to be back by the time you awaken? You know? Well, when next you sleep, your Christmas spirit and I will try our strength, that's all!" And from its confident expression and Van's hopeless one it is enough

"No, body," resumed the soul jovially, "I'm too fond of you to leave you lightly. And why all this unflattering despair? You're used to me now. You wouldn't know how to obey any other sort of spirit. That new one of yours hasn't half my intellect. Come, lambs. let us be as we were."

off the depression that he knew and hated when he finds her aiche, proparing so well. "Never!" he declared. "I've done my last task for you, old fellow. member the pretty model you snubbed If you won't go to old Golthwaite, you ing nothing, pours out his cestasy over so unmercifully when she seemed to must wander around without a body. their friendship the door suddening You can't have me. I defy ve

"A little rash!" it chuckled. "Yes, decidedly rash. I can make it most unpleasant for you. On the whole, I think I will. It will make my dominion so spirit, smothering a dimpling smile in much the greater when I do regain possession of you. You shall plunge into Then there was your chum, upon whom all the excesses and dissipations that I you churlishly turned your back when have so far only suggested to you."

Van had gradually become conscious of a strangely oppressed feeling, tegether with a passionate desire for sleep, but he resolutely fought it off, dreading lest the threatened conflict between his old soul and the new spirit should take place before the latter had attained sufficient strength to withstand the power-



THE SOUL GLANCED AT HIM WITH SMILING

fel old soul in which event he knew he was doomed to a hopeless slavery. from which there would be no escape follow the Germans in their Christmas but death.

But he could no longer keep his eyelids propped open. They closed heavily, are made happy by the blooming of the though he made a frantic endeavor to at least keep his mind clear.

Vain! Even as he so resolved he was

surrounded by light clouds that stifled him. Flashes of red light played around him. The clouds grew denser. He censed to struggle and awaited the end with salm certainty, quite sure ther taking a forest tree into his house that he would be the old soul's captive and decking it with numerous lights to

and not rousing himself to care much Suddenly he was revived by a rush of cold air, and the next instant Tom Russell was eagerly pulling him out of his chair, stamping out the flames on the

floor, and scolding, shouting, congratulating and expostulating all at once. "Confound it, Van!" he roared. "Up it blossom and bear fruit full of sweet o your old tricks again, flinging your surprises, and who have lighted the to your old tricks again, flinging your dirty rags all over the place and then | tiny tapers amid much merriment, not calmly dropping hot ashes on 'em! Just like you! I don't believe you could stop

it to save your soul." Van grasped his friend's hands warmfigure seated comfortably opposite to ly, while he said slowly, "To save my

And to this day Tom never quite understands why Van spoke so solemnly. -

### AMYTHOFTHERHINE

VARIOUS VERSIONS OF THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS TREES.

How the Custom of Decorating a Spruce Has Spread to All Christian Nations -A. Legend of Martin Luther-Memories of Tlay Tapers and Sweet Surprises.

One may read in the folklore of the Rhine district of a mysterious tree that blooms only on the night before Christmas, and the old myth assures us we have only to go to a certain spot to find it all to be true. As the first authentic accounts of a Christmas gift tree are in the annals of this same Rhine neighborhood, may we not believe that the holy mystery supposed to be concealed in the blossoming tree was commemorated and perpetnated in the decoration of the Christmas spruce? At all events, it is in historical records of Strasburg from the year 1605 we first read of a real Christmas tree. The man who has left the record writes:

"During the Christmas holidays a spruce is set up in Strasburg homes, on which are hung horses of many colored paper, apples, consecrated wafers, clay

cuckoos, sugar, " etc.

The use of the tree sprend very slowly during the 200 years following, and we next read of it in 1646 in a theologfeal work called "Milk of the Catechism." This time it is not mentioned lovingly, but the author inveighs against its use in the home in these words:

"Among other frivolities with which more than with God's word the holy days are celebrated the Christmussor, a is found, which is set up in the lander and decorated with puppets and sweet things. Finally one shakes it, and so its blossoms fall. Whence comes than custom I know not. The whole tiring is child's play. Better would it be if our allowed the children to keep holy day around that spiritual cedar tree, Christ

Jesus." Next we hear of it from the standpoint of the jurist in 1737. In a very learned treatise "On the Gifts Restoyed on Our Redeemer's Birthday' a jurist striving for position of dealent at Wiltenberg speaks of the candle decked Christmas tree, under whose boughs the gifts to the housefolk are spread, gill's whose justification he sees from a legal

Late in the eighteenth century the tree was more frequently menti and, and it was even the great Gooth who introduced it to the literary world in his "Sorrows of Werther." Goetho first saw a Christmas tree in 1705, when he was 16 years old, at the house of Theodor Korner's grandmother. He says, "It was hung with all kind ... sweets, mangers holding the Caract child, the Virgin Mary and Joyn standing beside the oxen, asses and

Do you remember Werther's visit to But Van, with a mighty effort, flung Lotte on the Sunday before Christian packages of presents for her stall brothers and sisters? Just as he, suspectspens, and the Christmas to bursts on his view, with Its alim mering wax can

dles, its cakes and apples Germany's other biol, Schiller, does not himself write of any Christman tree, but in a work by a friend of his we learn that at Christams time, 17 D, he became betrothed to Lotte von Lenzefeld and withdraw from an engagement to "pass the holidays under the Christmas tree" with a family in Jean

in order to be with ber The following Christmas he and his wife Lotte stood beneath a "brig live glowing tree" in their own home.

The first time the Christmas tree was enshrined in verse was in 1865, just 200 years from its first historic moutlon-From that year the custom of decorating a spruce at Christmas spread randal ly all over Germany until about 1 ... 0 it went over the border into France and was introduced in 1840 by Holon, duchess of Orleans, into the Tutterles. Now over 40,000 trees are desocated annually in France The Franch people observe the custom with all their characteristic enthusiasm and warm picty. They have a very pretty way of protecting the roots of the tree and planting

it again after the holidays are over. The Christmas tree found its way into England through Prince Albert soon atter his betrothal to Queen Victoria. A peculiar English custom is that of passing a small tree round the lable after the Christmas dinner, from which each person plucks the gift previously placed there for him or her.

Nor are these the only countries to festival. In Italy, the Notherlands, Russia and Scandinavia the little ones Christmas tree. Indeed an old German legend ascribes the origin of the custom to Sweden, whence it was introduced into Germany at the time of the Thirty Years' war. But this is only legendary and has no more claim to our belief than that other legend of Martin Lu-

symbolize the glory of the starlit heav-

we have ever men is one from which. the poetic sentiment is fled, one made of iron and lighted by the pressing of a button with gas or electricity, we, who have our delightful memories of trimming the fragrant evergreen, of helping unmingled with tender swe at the thought of the starlight whose , rays have beamed upon us since that first Christmas long ago-we can testify to the beauty, the poetry, the warm glowing love, surrounding our Christmas tree, which blooms perennial in our hearts long years after the mystery of hearts -Boston Transcript.